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- 1. I HAVE AGAIN REVIEWED PERSONNEL LEVELS AT BAMAKO AND AM CONVINCED THERE ARE NO RELATIVELY LOW-PRIORITY ACTIVITIES HERE AND THAT NO POSITIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR REDUCTION.
- 2. BAMAKO IS AN EXPANDING POST OWING MAINLY TO OUR COMMITMENT TO THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AN UNDERTAKING I PROFOUNDLY BELIEVE IN. TO CUT USAID POSITIONS COULD ONLY MEAN THE ELIMINATION OF VITAL PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, LIVESTOCK, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RURAL HEALTH THAT HAVE THE STRONG SUPPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND OF THE CONGRESS.
- 3. THE PEACE CORPS HAS TWO AMERICAN POSITIONS, A DIRECTOR AND AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH I CONSIDER THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO SUPERVISE THE APPROXIMATELY 65 VOLUNTEERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENGAGED IN PROJECTS THAT TIE IN DIRECTLY WITH OUR OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT HERE. AGAIN, THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT TO OUR OBJECTIVES AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI.

4. THE CURRENT USIS AMERICAN STAFF CONSISTS OF ONE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER. I HAVE ASKED FOR A SECOND

POSITION, FOR AN ASSISTANT PAO, TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASED AMERICAN ACTIVITY HERE AND TO THE INCREASED MALIAN RECEPTIVITY TO OUR PROGRAMS. THAT REQUEST IS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF USIA'S GENERAL REVIEW OF ITS STAFFING ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. MEANWHILE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A USIS JUNIOR OFFICER TRAINEE, WHO WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY AND WILL HELP WITH THE LOAD.

5. THE STATE COMPLEMENT IS SMALL AND FUNCTIONAL, AND ANY GROWTH WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION AS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE AUGMENTATION IN OTHER AGENCIES' STAFFING.

6. I SHALL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CAREFULLY ALL REQUESTS FOR INCREASES IN THE MODE CEILINGS. BYRNE

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